MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The Government have brought out a new Export & Import Policy for April 1992-March 1997 vide Ministry of Commerce public Notice No. 1-TIC (PN)/92-97 dated 31.3.1992, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Collection of Indirect Taxes

6006. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the, region-wise, collections of indirect taxes during the first three quarters of 1991-91;

(b) whether there has been a decline in collection of indirect taxes in north and east zones during the period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The provisional estimates of departmental zone-wise revenue realisations from customs (excluding sale proceeds of confiscated gold and silver) and central excise duties (exclusive of cesses not administered by the Department of Revenue) during April, 1991-December, 1991 are given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Zones	*Customs & Excise*
East Zone	3925.66
West Zone	16744.56
North Zone	6067.82
South Zone	7543.44

(b) There has been no decline in collections of customs and central excise revenue during the first three quarters of 1991-92 in north and east zones as compared to the collections of corresponding period in 1990-91.

(c) to (e). In view of (b) above, do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Request Pending for Merger of Establishments

6997. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of establishments approved by the Government for their expansion, establishment and merging one establishment into another during the last two years;

(b) the number of representations received for approval for the said projects during this period;

(c) the reasons for not according approval to the remaining cases; and

(d) by what time approval will be accorded to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAGALAM): (a) to (d). Approvals for substantial expansion, establishment of new undertakings and merger/amalgamation, were being granted by the Department of Company Affairs in terms of Sections 21,22 and 23 of the MRTP Act, 1969. a Statement indicating the details of applications received under the said Sections dur-